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Seoul, Sun. Oct 2.
Dearest Ones: - at Clark's

I'll write this A.M. maybe a shorter letter but get it off so you'll not be worried. Am back at Clarks' for the day. I left last Monday night for Pyeng yang to get my luggage + pack and get ready to go back to China. My! those words give me a thrill to think of even!

I want to tell you what a funny "get-away" I had from here Mon. Miss Miller of Southern Pres. mission was here - had her tonsils out - she was to take the 10:20 train so I decided also to take the night train + Dr. Clark's here could see us off with just one trip to depot. Miss. M. had her tickets + berth all bought - I didn't. She almost had to go but I was going to have a trip later - Well the trip which wouldn't fail to come - did fail + we went to make it by street car - but she missed her train + I made mine - to find it impossible to buy a berth !! at all mixes! Two missionaries were on each with

a bath so they gallantly slept together + gave me one! I felt terribly — but it was such a funny mix. The berths were wide enough + they insisted they slept but I felt very "unnecessary" to say the least! I guess in the end my attempt to not cause trouble didn't work. These men were fine anyway! Then in Pyongyang I took my time packing — tho was a bit rushed. I got a Korean woman to help me + do the hardest part. She carried everything I had out + Summed it — many things had not been out of the trunk since put in in Woodberry- She admired the pieced quilt top so! Then I sorted + packed with her + she's an expert by now. She couldn't talk English — nor I her Korean but we got along beautifully. Mrs. Reynolds trained me lots — said I'd talk a blue streak in English + she answer in Korean just as fast + neither understand. It helped so to know her. She washed + ironed + mended etc — so got off in ship shape. The Reynolds

3] are just such lovely people! Mrs. Reynolds fed me up & made me sleep etc - I now weigh almost 131 lb. 10 pounds more than when I left Pyengyang to come up for treatment. So see you've no cause to worry about me at all! Feeling better all the time. It was so nice to see the Pyengyang folks again! Anna, Betty, Turner (she is almost well) and the Reynolds! When you feel like writing to them thank them for their great kindness to me. They have been so nice! Mrs. R. & Anna Ella R. & Betty & Hartzell all came with me to depot. It was nice their outside man (Korean) took my luggage all down for me & checked it & bought my ticket - this in America isn't much of a job but here - & not be able to talk it isn't so easy so I appreciated it so much. I expected a long lone trip to Seoul but Dr. Haldcroft, the chairman of the Executive Committee of Korea was on the train. I shared my lunch and

unload a most interesting visit
It was raining when we arrived
but Clark's outside man met
me + carried bag - + we came
on the car so didn't get very wet.
This a.m. we went to Chinese
church + I enjoyed it so!
I had to tell my teacher goodbye
and was sorry - I have had a
good rest - while the others went
on to church services. I have just
written George Sutherland you re-
member him? Just heard this
week that he is engaged to a
girl from his home church -
Madeline (don't know her name - who
is in the C.I.M. I don't know her
but he has spoken so frequently
of her - I'm not surprised.
We leave in the morning for
Chengtu, on the early train.
I have two letters from you. Sept 6+
12. I suppose the Board man steering
evangelism is following the
policy Dr. Speer wrote urging
all the missionaries to stress
personal evangelism. There is
an opening for that in China
if not for institutions.
Sorry the big persimmon crop was

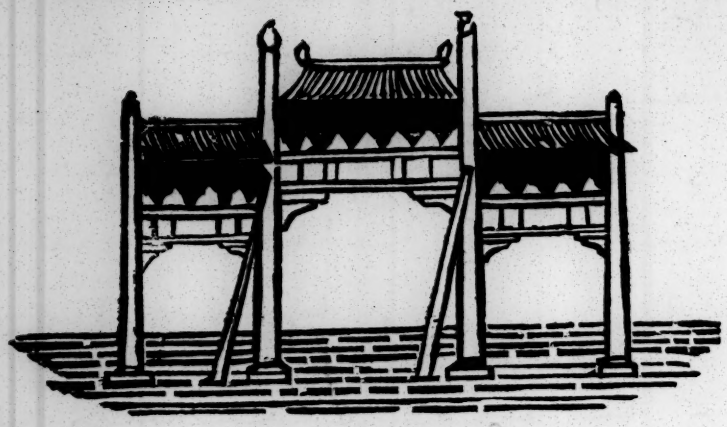
5] spoiled. How D've been enjoying some Mrs. Reynolds had - put in cans in America - not cooked + not usually dried! Well, well, that is funny - if the Dodge isn't sold after all! I hope so tho surely it is best. I am glad you had the physical examination + how thankful I am all is normal + you are well. The Lord is good to us!
Your letter of 11 came before the 4. I am sorry the letter was delayed. I don't think I'd missed a mo. writing even so - I hope you didn't worry. I'll try not to miss again. You asked about the yen. It is equal to 50 ¢ gold. We get 2 yen 10 sen for each gold dollar. Mother I just sent the box I wrote you of in last letter; I declared it "Christmas gifts" not telling what + the $4 gold is actual cost, gifts are supposed to be free + that is under $5 gold so before you pay an duty ask them at P.O. I included Sarco's for ease of shipping but you can mail to Kenneth. Thank you so much,

4- Didn't Mrs. say Father had arterial paralysis? Yes, it is a blessing not to have to live on in such a state as you describe the man. How does it happen Clyde left the farm & now wants to go back, & has after all these years to wait a place. He probably found it was better than after all since he has no home. Give him my love - I see I owe him a letter & will try to write.

I was so glad to know about your rooms - its easier for me to think of all of you. Its hard enough to visualize you in the strange place & all. It is nice you've the things that to enjoy and use.

That is so sweet of them to remember & have special prayer for me - if it was for renewed strength - it surely is being answered! & in all ways is I am sure! Thank them & I do so depend on them for prayers!

Bye for now dearest loved ones! How precious & dear you are to me! Lots of love & prayers - for all! Love - Irene.



Tsingtao
Summer
after
return
from Korea
1927

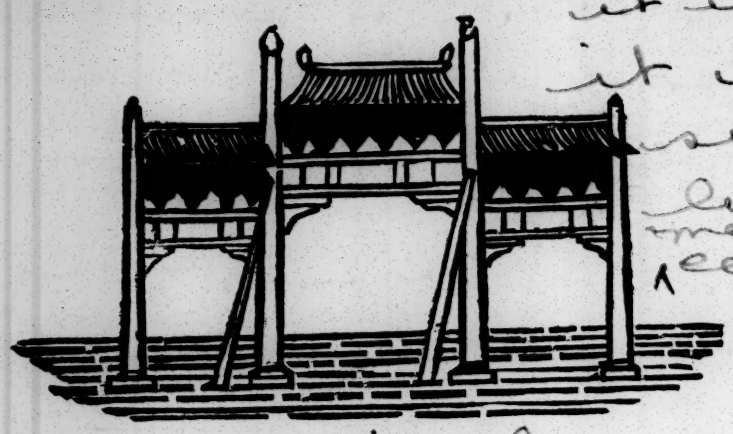
Ah! I'm so sleepy - I must crawl in bed! How precious these days are. + how great an opportunity it is to be here in China just at this time - I love it more + more - but oh the need is so great - "the treasure is in such an earthen vessel" - we must learn to glory in our infirmities that power of Christ may rest on us! good nite - Laney -

I want to tell you about my Chinese dress! Mrs. Hsu has been after me to have a summer Chinese dress - but I hadn't gotten one. Julia Ling got two made for Eva Moody one a lovely green voil + one blue + white checked gingham. The gingham she couldn't wear at all. the tailor made it too small so she gave it to me + I first consented to take it only as a pattern but she persuaded me to wear it. See, I've worn Chinese clothes in country and in home but never out in city - but I feel so conspicuous in foreign clothes sometimes I wanted to see if the Chinese wouldn't be better - well, it was breaking ice for anyone wears Chinese clothes in city - it was funny to see the reactions - one little girl ran from behind + peeked under my parasol to see if it really were what she thought! a woman all wanted to mark

"ah she's wearing Chinese clothes" — others would turn heads + look. I couldn't see very much difference in way folks looked at me — but the cause was different. Julia + Mrs. Hu very so keen about it. Little mei mu, my "adopted" daughter "hao kan chi la" — that chi is a strong very very — + she always said foreign clothes only "hao kan" — I wore it three days — had to have it laundered — but I love to wear it, its long + has collar like the ones in my pictures sent. Many say it means to Chinese ones loves China more for us to wear Chinese clothes — There are so many foreigners here, all nationalities, in business who have no love for China + of course they can't be distinguished from us by dress — Its a big question — this wearing Chinese clothes!

July 5.

I'll tell you about the 4th + then get this off — I got too sleepy Tues nite, to finish. At nine o'clock we all went out to the battleship Pittsburgh, one of the biggest here, in launches. They had awning over the deck so it was cool + lovely. The submarine 32 was to dive twice in morning. We were greeted by officers + shown over the boat, before the sub. dived. We'd gotten up to the bridge + it began to prepare — we could see so well! It was a glorious sunny day, the water so blue + clear — the ships all clean + shining in the sunlight. The band began to play — (lots of Philipinos in the band) + all the men on the sub went in + closed



it up & gradually nose down
it went under — tanks on ship
side were opened & water
let in so it sank — then by
means of compressed air tanks it
could come up. It was
entirely lost from sight
even by ripples in water for several minutes
then came up nose up. We heard anyone
could go down so asked — but were told
it very uncertain & really dangerous. All
the men in it have to sign a paper that
their folks can't blame the govt in accident
if the least thing happens to the machinery
they can't come up & its difficult to open
it & get out — beside if the great electrical
storage batteries aren't perfectly cared for
chalorine gas is freed & so its very
particular work." Mrs. Hw & Mr. Hw went
last year but they said it was unusual
& the captain took it on himself to take
them. It was a pretty sight to see — but
we'd appreciated it more if it hadn't
been an instrument to kill! We had tea-
punch, sandwiches, candy, olives, cakes —
in abundance & listened to more music &
came home. P.M. there was a baseball game
between two boats teams. Then we stayed
out at the beach for picnic supper on
rocks — after which there was a band
concert by "Pittsburgh" band out in front of
the Beach hotel. At 9:30 the great search-
lights of the ships played in the sky &
it was so pretty — great white paths

of light, could be seen for miles I am sure. It was full moon light & at low tide water so calm and silvery. It was lovely. Then the "Pittsburgh" was lighted with a myriad of lights - wired to make the perfect outline of the boat - the 3 funnels - 2 towers - flag staff & the side of boat & also near water line - all were bright - so the whole outline of ship stood out in perfectly brilliant arrangement the blackness of hills & water - It was lovely - truly like a gleaming jewel in fairyland. We rode home enjoying the whole scene & declared it one of nicest "fourths" we'd spent - It maybe seemed inconstant when I don't want worships here to protect me to enjoy it but it isn't here for me it would be for trade until treaties are changed - & staying home wouldn't help that. We surely felt glad China & U.S. are friendly or else the day would have seemed a proud display of power - but we just enjoyed the day & the "Americanness" of all of it. The band concert took me back to the Salem concerts & it seemed you all must be there & Clyde too - he used to meet us there so often. I'd so loved to have seen you all - It was a nice day & we were grateful for all the happiness & friendships the master gives. Now I'll close with all my heart's love to my precious family & friends & greetings to my many Roseburg intercessors & supporters - Love -

Irene.

10 Kuan Hai Road
Tsingtao, Shantung
China
October 10, 1927

My dearest Home Folks:

Well, here I am all set + practically settled in Tsingtao back in China! The above is the correct address. The other I sent is quite all right and the post office will forward it. I'll begin at the leaving Seoul as it was there that I wrote last. Mr. Clark took me to the train and we had to rush — In passing I'll say he truly is a splendid courteous typical Southern gentleman — I did notice a difference in all those of the Southern mission — all were so courteous — ~~(don't be alarmed at all by this statement a widower with 3 children has no charms for me)~~. It was such a glorious day! + we got to Chemulpo — the port city on the Yellow Sea to find our boat delayed a day. It was fortunate too because it took about half of it to get our luggage thru customs + on the boat. See there were six of us + all

together we had 39 pieces in the hold + 28 hand pieces. I thought I had luggage but one girl had 18 boxes - no see I don't begin to be in her class! The customs officials had us open only a few trunks + let us pass. The boat has only a few 1st class cabins. They are fairly clean but we will comfy anyway. After we got all on board one girl attempted to take us to the M.E. Mission, where Hid been over Sunday, but got lost. I was in a tick-sha + here we went up one street several times - several times stopped to get directions about the place (with no language to ask with.) Each time we'd stop a huge crowd of Chinese + Koreans gathered + centered all their curious gaze on the "foreigners" in the tickshas! How impatient one has to get to be staring eyes from all sides. I felt like an animal in a zoo!! It was so funny - but at length we arrived. They were so cordial + we had tiffin meals there - + went to sleep

3] on the boat. We had Japanese food + with my supplimenting it with Klim + fruit + tomatoes I fared well! Mrs. Reynolds gave me brown bread. We reached Chee foo + were met there by Dr. Bryan. There is one thing that has so impressed me this year in our various traveling is the great spirit of cordiality + willingness of missionaries to do absolutely everything for those who come in. There truly is sort of a real community spirit - + one can feel free to call on any, especially do we feel of our Pres. anywhere + all are so fine to help. At Wei hei wei, the port fortified by the British but returned recently to China, we passed the newest thing in ships in Britain's navy called the "Argos" I believe. It was huge but on top no funnels + various parts of ships ordinarily visible were to be seen - but it was absolutely flat. We saw to a hydroplane sail for a time on the water + then rise + fly! It was interesting. Later we were told that this ship was the mother ship - carries 60 planes

4] evidently this float tops is landing field + then by use of cranes the planes are stowed away! When the boat anchored as it was too shallow to go to a wharf - dozens of sampans rowed furiously to get place of advantage by to boat some to get one to sell the baskets full of fruit, dried fish, varnished chickens (they are cooked in a kind of oil but have such a brown hard glaze all over then they have a varnished appearance)), eggs, peanuts, steamed bread to the steerage passengers; all to want the place nearest the boat to catch the bedding balls thrown over while others push to get near the gangplank to get passengers to take ashore. The way they get up is simply amazing. They look pales up in mouth hole or railing + holding to it or to strong ropes thrown up to the deck the literally walk up the ship's side - in an astonishing manner - they are merely clever at it.
We landed at Chee foo about three + it took till five to get

5] all of our 39 pieces off in these little sampans; I'm sure Dr. Bryan will need a vacation after getting us off. Boats go rather irregularly to Tsingtao from there so our best boat was in the morning 9:30. So I had to rush some to see all of the folks I wanted to in Cheefoo in that time. Grace came to the dock so went home with her for supper & then to the Irwins. Here I met Mrs. Irwin of Yihsien first of the station folks to meet. Then later the Butlers called at Mrs. Abbott's where I was to spend the night. They are the only families left in China. Dr. Cunningham & wife do not expect to return & Winters are on furlough. Miss Flagler gone home to stay. Mrs. Irwin said they felt like such children - been out five years & here they are the senior members of the station. Yihsien is the only station that has not been revisited since the general evacuation in April. Mr. Irwin tried to go in but Chinese advised against it. Said it would be 3 days' journey from where he was & that it wasn't wise. That has been a central bandit center as well as right in line with fighting with both

6/ armies. None are at all eager to say when we can go there, not this year - that is sure for me anyway as I'm to study this year here regardless. Mr. Butler feels that that station is quite well enough developed to turn over to the Chinese. Mr. Yorke's house was burned accidentally - by someone hunting for something in the attic + dropping a match in some loose cotton. The other homes have been all looted pretty well as both armies have entered + retreated. Arnold was not in Chefoo so didn't see him. We left on the early boat Wed. A.M. + had such a placid sea it was lovely. That night all of us sat out on deck + sang in the moonlight. Dr. Johnson + Dr. Douglass met us here in Tsingtao. Early in the morning we first saw the old barren rocky high mts. of the coast then followed it in past the summer houses on a promontory + then on into the harbor. It is justly called one of most beautiful harbors I believe - It is in a big C shape + really is so large

7] one doesn't wonder at both Germany + Japan wanting it. Hills rise quite abruptly from the sea so the city is built in this (shape + tight up on the hills giving an impression of a fan inverted bowl. The architecture is of old German type. Houses built on just massive proportions - big yards, high walls around them + houses many of several stories + all with red-tiled roofs. The streets are wide + clean + well paved. The Japanese continued this style of houses when they had it so it is quite uniform. There may be a Chinese part, Chinese style I mean but I haven't seen it yet. The Chinese + Japanese occupy these big foreign houses too. On one side of us is a Japanese family on the other first back is a Chinese family.

I am very nicely settled living with Mrs. Eames + her three boys one is 3rd grade; one 2 yr.; one 7 mo. Mr. Eames is in their station doing country work but the children aren't allowed in yet. She has rented one of these big places. She + I occupy the 3rd floor - eat downstairs, + the language school will occupy the rooms on the first + second that now used by us + servants

8] I have a good sized bed room - and off of it a dressing room with big built in closet + shelves + lavatory. I moved the dresser in there too. It is pretty crowded but oh so convenient - I can stand in center + get practically whatever I want. Eula, reminds me of your little kitchen in woodlawn. Then in the front of house is a small room 10" by 8" that is my study. I just got fixed up yesterday. I have enjoyed it so. I supposed I'd not unpack much but just exist but Mrs. E. insisted + I'll most likely live here ayr. or more so I did. In it I have a desk with my lamp my filing case + a book case for all my books - a little table to study with the teacher - rocking chair + seat. my Peking rug just fits + I'll have that rose curtain material cut in two - when I am it will need to be split + put at the windows. Mama yours + Daddy Sis's picture are on my desk top - + on the wall just above is Crater Lake. It surely is cozy. Imagine

10 Kwanhtai Road
Tsingtao, Shantung
China, Oct. 16. 27

My dearest loved Ones!

Am home from Chinese S.S + will get your letter done before time to eat if I can. Then I will die sure of its being finished on time. I had a letter from you this week + I surely was delighted. It was forwarded from Korea - the one written Sept. 19. I was interested in your "progging trip" to the country for vegetables. Did you get me any cottats? à la Mally? That was fine that the board wrote you - to prepare the way. I hope you've had a nice visit in Albany, Salem etc.

This surely has been a full busy week. Let's see when I wrote you had I unpacked everything? Mon. was so rainy + cold - it was so nice to be indoors. I unpacked my trunks + put up pictures - I'm sure I did tell you about my study. Tuesday We went stone hunting. It turned cold + we did need them badly. At a second

2/ hand stove store we got a small one for my little study - about 14" in diameter + 3½ feet high. I guess german in model. It heats beautifully - so I shall be most comfy! Paid $5 Mex for it (2.50) gold It is all installed + ready for cold weather.

We spent one morning getting a bank account opened + all that done. Mrs. Eames has been so kind to go with me. She had to go to vouch for me! In Korea I wanted to get my yen to U.S. gold + then sell it here to Mex - it would get $7 more but the Jap. bank here wouldn't cash the draft to gold. They surely are slick!! I think they would not give anything but local currency. Anyway I feel brilliant to have thought of the scheme!

Since we were out in that section of city we called on the Mrs. Torres whose husband has the evangelistic work here in the city. We enjoyed meeting her. She is rather an invalid - doesn't go out much - but is very lovely.

3. The last three days I've been busy with letters. I at last got the receipt for the hectograph filler (glycerine & gelatine) & filled the hectograph. Then I wrote a five page letter & got of nineteen copies. I surely hope to get on top of that old pile of letters before long now so I'll just be free to work on things — & incidentally keep a few friends if possible. Some of the cards date Dec. & March. I'll write Mrs. Bodie & she may give it to you — if it's of any interest. I think I wrote part of it to you before but you'll know. Just finished last night getting them off.

I have been sleeping an hour every P.M. & walking an hour so the time goes so fast! I am feeling much better too. One of the Dr. remarked when he saw me the a.m. that I look so much better than when I came a week ago — I ought to. I weigh 126 lbs. — I was 121 or 5 when I left home, so you see. I'm feeling keen to get at chinese basing

4. Yesterday afternoon we had a glorious ride. It began to clear & get warm in the morning - so it was a glorious fall day - one that you can just feel & the air is spicy & a wee bit "nippy". "There were some things out at Ittus Huk" (which is a point of land extending into the bay where there are about thirty summmer homes; The Eames & another family built together & which Mrs. Eames needed so we went out. Truly the country near here is lovely - trees along the roads & so many good roads. The trees have all been planted by the Germans and preserved. There is also a several acre golf course which they built & race course also which we passed on the road to this place. Out there we were surprised to see what at first glance seemed to be whole yards full of sea shells. We learned tho that the Chinese here slice their sweet potatoes & dry them four or

5] five days in the sun + keep them over the winter. I asked a man why they didn't bury them + he said he had no place. There might have been cutty people gone out there to dry the winter's supply. It may be too they can't keep them. The Chinese are remarkable the way they keep persimons, and hard pears way till Feb + even May, so it must be the former. I said I'd never seen literally acres of "fried" potatoes before!

One night we had Mr. + Mrs Walter + Miss Stewart (of Tsining here for supper - one other night Nita + Hallie (these are from Nanshuchow - very good friends I'll be speaking of often) and Dr. Johnston + son of the Shanting Executive Committee Dr. J. is our boss in a way. It has been very interesting to get acquainted with this new group - the one I'm supposed to belong to - (don't know why I said supposed - I do belong) Have felt unattached so long I guess.

6), Looked a coat linings the other day. Think I get my brown coat lined with camel's hair cloth - It really was too thin last winter, I don't want to get a fur one yet.

Our classes begin in the morning. There are thirty-three to be in the group. Pres., Holiness + Christian + I don't know who else. It will be most interesting to see who all. I know Mr. Lewksbury will be fine as principal. He is so keen on the evangelistic side + that will be emphasized. We're to have a class for "personal work + use of tracts + reading them + making short speeches - Won't it be fun, I'll have to work extra too to keep up with the class + make up what I've missed.

I think of you so much + pray that all may be kept well + be used for Him. My precious brave little mother how I love you + long to be with you - Someday maybe you can come to live with me here. God keep you + give you His joy + comfort.

Lots of love to all -- Irene

Monday Eve.
Oct 24. 1927

My dearest Ones!

Well, one week of language work is gone. It has been most interesting - have enjoyed it so much. Monday morning we were quite interested to see who all would appear. There are about a dozen of our mission some just where I am altho very advanced, then the M.E.'s, Italians, China Inland Mission, and some Baptist folks are here too. We have in all some thirty-some & about sixteen teachers. Each one had to stand & tell the mission, future residence, name "unworthy" in chinese style - all this in chinese. Then we met the teachers & the altos and signed up for our various classes. Heterogeneous! all ages, sizes, missions, condition of servitude, advancement & even teachers are from about 3 provinces with as many different ways of speaking as teachers! and so it goes. The next day

2] we met + divided up somewhat + with Chinese newspapers went to the various teachers for half a hour. These quarters are far too small for so many - so they've had to rent another place - a former girls school + ever so nice - just right size + all. It gives me a little walk too. They hope to rent these other rooms so we won't rattle around too much, I may move my study down to the big living room if we don't rent it but will see later.

Wednesday we started classes more in earnest. We have at 8:45 - chapel - reading scripture + a song + prayer all in Chinese, then 5th term lesson sheet, then Acts + then a period to write characters. Mr. Lewksbury says we must learn to use a brush or Chinese hair pen or leave school. We beginners however aren't that far along yet. Then after writing - have a private class with a teacher. That takes till twelve. We

3. Eat at 12:15 - I sleep from 1:20 - 2:20. My teacher comes then for two hours 2:30 - 3:30 to the house beg. We review + did the days work. Last week I was pretty tired but by getting to bed early + resting + then after 4:30 having exercise have managed finely + I kept my weight to 136. I still have my lunch of Klim, apple + sandwich at noon both a.m + p.m I expect to keep this up for some time to get well fortified for the years work. Now you know quite well my days routine, up to bed about 8:30 - 9:-

Saturday I worked on that Peking descriptive letter! I began before evacuating - + have never had the time + inclination at the same time - to finish it. So both struck me Sat. - I worked about three on it Sat + a couple Sun. P.M. I will mail it to my correspondent in Portland with her instructions to mail it to you. I must send it to her as I promised - also its time

4] for a letter to her. She will do as she wishes with it + then send it to you. Folk's surely ought to appreciate these literary authents if the time spent on them is any criterion. I Has been endless getting all the pictures. You people save it please. You might send to Woodburn etc but I want it maybe later. I have duplicates of the pictures but not the description.

Sat. P.M. we went for a long walk - longest I've had for months + I felt just a good healthful tired only. We walked out to the hills overlooking the harbor. where there are just numbers of old German fortifications. This one we saw was Fort Bismark - up at the very top of a hill. Four big cement rooms built around inner courts + connecting inside - all this however sunken so from the top we looked down into the courts. All under was a labyrinth of connecting passages + rooms. Then a place where big guns were

3] placed + fired out under an iron dome that rather fitted into the landscape. It was all dismantled — only the remains as the Japanese when they evacuated took every moveable scrap. Such a gorgeous view of the bay + sunset + surrounding mountains with their purple + deep blue hazy evening. Really Singtao is pretty from every angle.

Sunday eve. We went over for supper at the Cliff House with Nita, Hallie + Dr. Murray of Weihsien fame. We had such a nice supper + then a sing after word. They are so nicely settled + are very happy there. It was nice to go over. The Sun. eve. before we were at the Van Slyks for supper + had such a nice evening. They are from Hwaiyuen + such fine Spiritual folks + I admire them very much. Met a Mrs Swinson there also. She was married after coming out + her husband died not so many years ago + she is keeping on. She is very attractive

6.] and sweet and brave. She is helping in the girls school here now.

Today I went down to see about my old winter coat — I had the tailor look at it + he suggests silk waste padding; it is very warm + light, to line it and then the fur collar has gotten so warm that it isn't nice so I took it a furrier downtown + they'll put in new in the inside worn spots — practically half a new collar for $14 mex. seven gold. So my coat will be quite good again for that with 4.50 for silk — $2 for the tailor's work about $20 + 10 gold I think it will be well worth it, + fix the lining in a spot or two — I wear it for good then only — + try not buy a coat till I come home. Won't buy any other clothes at all this year.

No letter this week but expect one next week — generally two weeks between letters. —

It is now eight. I must read over todays Chinese + get to bed.

7] This is a short letter but you'll know I'm well + not worry even if it is a little short this week, a.m.

Before I seal this & give to the cook to mail I just want to say good-morning blessed dear ones. Eula, I've no good picture of you - "a word to the wise"

How I love you all + pray God will bless you I just read of being filled with the fullness of God! ah! that is we true of the whole world - even of christians - even of me - How precious He is to us + we are united in Him tho the miles be great + with Daddy dear no miles but he is always with you + me too.

Goodbye for this time love to all -

Irene.

Wed. Eve.
Nov. 2. 1927

My dearest Ones:

Letter late a bit this week. I'm sorry but it seems that I can't put anymore hours in the week than I can. If I write home Sun. P. M. I don't get any letter letters off. if I write letters I don't get yours and so it goes. You'll be glad to know I wrote ever so fat a letter to auntie & I wrote to woodburn a copy letter with six individual notes in it answering all the letters I have from there. Then wrote to Mrs. Tucker & one of my Chicago Home for girls" girls in one — so I did work hard if it didn't include yours.

3 such a nice time. It was a nice break after plodding over that hard lesson on the names of the Chinese government division + cabinets etc.

Saturday too we had such a delightful day. Seven of us got a car for the day + went 24 miles out to the mountain rather famous near here for the day. It was 2.00 each for the day or $1 gold, + we felt it well worth it!! The ride was so interesting - a clear rather crisp day and leaves on the mountains turning gay colors. The hills here are exceptional in having more trees than ordinary one sees. We rode an hour then climbed to an old deserted German Adm. all

2/ What nice surprises the Lord does plan for us— When I awaked from my sleep this p.m. Mrs. Eames said she'd accepted an invitation for me. It was so nice!! A Miss McCurdy at Hawaii Union is here as a refugee. Betty has always spoken so highly of her & she merits every praise. She is so fine & so helpful She invited me to be her guest at tea at the Floral Cafe- a German restaurant where they have a splendid Trio piano, violin, & cello, & play really good music. You go & have cocoa, or tea or cakes - & can listen to the concert. It was so good to hear the music & then Miss McCurdy & I did have

the way we say buildings put up by them now devoted. There were several homes built of stone - only the walls standing. It seems that when Japan left they took every thing portable at the fortifications etc - so they may have taken the tiles from the roofs. It was such a nice climb - not hard at all - not more than a mile. We had plenty of lunch along & enjoyed it so much! We came home about 4:30. A group were going out for Chinese food but I felt one spree enough for the day - so didn't go.

Sunday the foreign service was unusually fine. The

& grandson of Hudson Taylor who is here in S.S. under the Free Methodist Board preached It was very good. Miss Mc. & I today were trying to decide whether Free Methodists are "perfectionists". While he spoke on "holiness" it was more the necessity of practical holiness — on the victorious life ideal rather than on perfection. He did not claim that he could sin - so I really could agree with all he said and it was a revealing message.

We were invited out to a Mrs. Thompson's to supper & to sing hymns afterword but as Mrs. S. couldn't go we will

4/ with other things too but the pie crowned the evening. Flew was such a fine spirit - the teachers seemed to enjoy it as much & entered into everything. Sky had fun especially with the aeroplane stunt - you know Eula & Ray.

As I look over this letter it looks pretty much like - going, going. You'll think I do nothing else. But I assure you these are very nice breaks in the routine & help to give new zip to study. I'm putting in my 6 or 7 hrs per day on chimes & no one can do much more than that long.

5. go next Sunday eve. She boards at hotel. It is she with whom I hope to go for some visitation in Chinese homes before long.

Monday eve. Halloween we celebrated by having a party at the home of a couple in the U.S. They are of the Lutheran mission. Chinese teachers + students of school were there. It was a perfectly lovely party. Halloween pranks + tricks isn't anything we wish to bring to China so that wasn't employed at all just a few good mixing games, stunts, musical numbers + refreshments at real pumpkin pie! Um!!

7] Mrs. Eames + I figured up our household expenses tonight + good averages $2.50 (water, light, servants, everything but rent goes in that) a day that is 1.25 gold. See it isn't cheaper here to live than to board at home. We don't live extravagantly at all - but I don't think it so much. We paid that all summer in Kora, part of time 3.50. We get 75,00 gold now + it takes about half for board. I could get all about 1.50 Mex from Board from Emergency fund but I don't feel it is right. As long as my money covers the reals + it will nicely - since I won't buy clothes I am content. I thought you

8) might be interested to compare our costs of living.

I had a letter from my Chinese family in Peking! Such a nice letter. Mr. Chin wrote in Chinese & I was so thrilled I could read all but a few characters. They are well & want us to come back to live with them.

Also a letter from Mr. Wang my teacher in Korea. These surely are precious contacts with these Chinese & I am truly grateful for them.

Enclosed in your Christmas box are two Korean brass trays one for Beke & one for Julia Beke's address is. Mrs. D. L. Chapman

10] quite decided just when is night but at length I bow very deeply + say goodbye - its lovely!
I'm weary - Good night - I'll write more before I seal it. Bless your dear hearts - I loves you all heaps + heaps!!!
Just a note before I seal this Have just come back from the morning at school. All went pretty well. - I'm in the awful smear of trying to write with a chinese brush or pen as they call it. It surely is hard. We have lots of fun over our awkward attempts. I won't write a letter to you very soon by that method - cheer up.

9.) 836 Broadview Blvd, Brookeridge Pa. Julia's is. 814 Park Ave. Jarrell. Pa, Thank you so for sending them. I'm sorry to be such a pest; I'm so eager to know if you payed duty + how much! Please tell me.

Have a new teacher this week a lady. She is very nice. too. You'd love to see her bow. In true Chinese style I go with her to the door, + on to the porch + she at intervals keeps saying "pu sung" (do not go) which I must not heed - Then she says I'll get cold - please go back - still I go on - (not time yet to go back - I've never

folks are beginning to plan
about Thanksgiving- just
what will do yet isn't sure.
I wonder where you all
will be this year. I hope
you will have a very nice
one tho wherever it is.
This is my second Thanksgiving
away from home- In a way
I can't believe it. Tho it will
not be like any other one
for any of us still we've
so much to be thankful for that
we must keep on thinking of that.
You didn't say in your letter whether
Bessie was teaching any. I'm so
glad they got to Crater Lake. Glad
you got the bulbs they will be
a joy to you. Let me know about
your slatten, did you get the
coat? Bye for now Blessed dear
ones - God keep you all. Lovingly.
Irene

Saturday Eve.
Nov. 12, 1927
10 Kuan Hai Road
Tsingtao, Shantung
China

My blessed Loved Ones;

Its a little over a week since your last letter but I'll write early this time + make this one for the two. I have been more rushed a bit etc so it is late - I hope you've not worried over it - for I am perfectly well + fine!

Maybe you think I didn't squeal with glee Wed. a.m. when Chang brought a big pile of letters to the breakfast table - two from you precious Mumsie mine - Oct 4+11 from Brownsville + then such a fine fat one from Eula + one from Miss Sherk -

3], My! the boys have changed so much!! I simply can't conceive them off to kindergarden — I'm not surprised at the few tears shed, Eula — I guess that is always the reaction! It seems just almost impossible that they've gotten that big! I'm so glad to see the front of the manse, garage and the church windows! It helps to think where you're living. Do the boys still look so much alike — as usual they can't sit in the same position quite so I can't tell. My Chinese teacher for two weeks has been a lady + she was so thrilled over the boys. She said to the darling she had been married three years + had no children —

2/. It had been pretty long since my mail had come - see this had to go to Korea first but even so the Act 11. wasn't a month - on the way, sometimes they do make speed. I hastily glanced thru yours mother's in between bites of porridge + eggs etc then read Eula's on the way to class. I'll admit a peaceful quiet hour would have given more time to meditate upon them but I was grateful for a hasty nibble! Then after the teacher left in P.M. I just read + reread them + thought of you all so hard - I'll bet it even wakened you from sleep!! It was good to get such a mail.

4/ She said Winfield was the
elder - isn't it to be on the outside
I appreciated Miss Clark's send-
ing it so very much. I'll write
her as soon as I can. Please
thank her now anyway!
Eula you said to write Miss.
society a note. That Korean
letter with the note must
have reached you now + it
will do surely.
Mumie Long: I'm so glad you
had a nice visit at Brownsville,
with old friends. Am glad Earl
has a good job. I guess it is
as well that he at least keep
himself + I hope he can help
Aunt Callie. I surely hope she
can find a good easy place-
one she will enjoy + it will be
easy - Such a lot of news. Am
glad Clyde has a place - hope
he likes it. I was so interested

5] in your fixing Daddy's
grave. To me, aside from the
beauty of the black marble
and I know it must be
just lovely, it seems just so
fitting that the stone should
come from Wallowa Mountains.
Father loved that valley so
and to hunt thru the moun-
and it is just so nice that
the stone should come from
them. Eula told the inscrip-
tion - That verse too is so
very appropriate. It couldn't
be better. It expresses too
that blessed hope which
Father held so dear the
return of the Master and
all! It is a blessed hope
and more + more so as we
can think now as Daddy's
return with the Master,

4/ morning I went to the big Chinese store - (It is such a lovely place + they're so polite in there + go with you to the door - give you a nice chair to sit on - + visit while you look) I've been looking at these lovely Chinese silks so long + every time I see these lovely lovendors I simply can't resist getting some for you + your pretty white hair. It isn't a gift for Christmas nor birthday but just a love gift to my precious Mumsie so far away - I can't put my arms around her + shield her nor comfort her but I just want this bit of China's loveliness to be a cheer + comfort to you. Get it made + wear it

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6] It surely does bring Heaven nearer + more real! I like the flat stone cemented on so much. It is true that stones fall + the dirt washes out etc. We did in reality be init then still it is so nice to think of the lovely place as nice. You've done it all so nicely. I'm so glad for it + to know.

I too hope the place is sold. It is only a burden now - + I hope it can be rented or sold. I'll be eager to know. Glad to get Aunt Clara's message + all the Brownville news - don't fear repeating news - you hadn't - that is good of Sam to take the baby.

Mummie mine I'm sending a package to you - this

8/ I first almost got a real light shade in plaid of this but the more I thought of it I knew you'd get more wear of a bit darker shade — as the lighter you'd not wear much in winter. Now I wondered about sending it — maybe some of those in the mission society might object to my using money for silk — Well, if so just wear it & say nothing about where it came from because it doesn't need to complicate your situation there — on the other hand I don't expect to try to please anyone who would deny me sending my precious mumie gifts — I mean to the extent of not sending them — just don't say where it came from if the situation demands.

9/ There is so little I can do to help make this difficult year of change + adjustment easy — but I want you to have this + with it comes all my heart's love + adoration Mother-mine !! May it just bridge a bit the many miles. The men in the store were so interested in my sending it to you. + asked how old you were. + if you'd seen Chinese silk. I wanted a smaller figure; but couldn't get it. I also feared you'd have to pay a lot of duty — but you have it before on things + only wait always for fear you might — I do hope you won't; I'll declare it actual cost so you may know if they try to value it for more. The cook will get

11] has small feet but unbound. She said from 9-13 she had bound feet + told how it hurt but when she went to school they were unbound. She's invited me to her sister's wedding - next month I believe - The sister is in school + is so pretty. She is coming Mon. + will go for a week - part of the time practice Chinese & the English. I'm so happy for a few contacts like these, + have had her for two weeks - but we change again + I'll have a Mr. Lee. He really is excellent - but I'll miss her!

We're still busy at school & going on. I'm still so awkward with chinese brush - but it is fun! We had an exam on 60 new characters Friday

10] it mailed when he goes to market Mon. A.M. I hope you wait late to pay duty!! Please let me know whether you do - & I hope you'll really enjoy it & wear it. I'm had such joy sending it!

Monday, the 9 year old son had a birthday party this P.M. - & what a lively crowd of boys there were! We had a track meet - races etc & they seemed to enjoy it very much. The quantity of sandwiches consumed was alarming!! They had ice cream & cake & cookies too - all seemed very well satisfied Mrs. Evans surely has nice Kiddies.

One afternoon this week after class my teacher, a Mrs. Choo & I took a walk & had such fun - went to the seaside & talked. She

11.] P.M. We had an armistice day prayer meeting for China & had a nice group of people are here. I guess I told you Hudson Taylor's grandson is here under the Methodist Board. I met his wife at our party & they are so fine!

One night this week we had the bride & groom here - Esther Irwin I knew in Peking refugeed to Chefoo & married Dr Brewer - in our mission. They're here on honeymoon. They were here for supper, also Miss McCurdy of Hwai-Yuen (Bettis station) who is just so fine too.

Last Wed. was a concert for benefit of American Salad — There was $90 about the orchestra expense will be used in playground equip-

12 months; I don't believe I asked if in your box Eula - for Christmas is a Korean brass hair pin. I don't expect you to know yet nor open to see but I ordered one from this shop but they didn't put it in my package so it must be in yours or Lois or Wayne's. It is about five inches long - just about as thick as a small pencil which is stuck straight thru the knot at the neck. If you have it keep it, until I know what it is now - otherwise you'd wonder. I have received the Korean clothes a man's suit, woman's + girls all complete - have not quite decided whether to mail them on or not, to you to keep for me.

Our Thanksgiving will probably be spent at Camp Inn - a perfectly

14) love to do individual work & teach the women to read the lesson & explain it etc. The one I'll attempt is "There is only one true god" - I can read most of the characters on the sheet but explaining in Chinese is a different matter. I'll work it over with Mr. Lee this week. Its no thrilling to think of even attempting it!

Eula doesn't it wouldn't be fair to answer such a letter in general like this - of course you're included but I'll just write the rest now for you - after such a volume!!

Bye dearest dear! I love you so & Mumsie mine you're so precious - take good care of yourself. Love & love & hug & kiss for all!!

Lovingly - Irene -

Eula - (over)

13] "barny" place — built so the true story goes by a Chinese who had four wives + none could agree with his mother so he built this enormous place — a floor for each wife + a separate "built on" for mother. It is run by an American + various folks board there. The plan is to have a community supper there. We'll probably go to the American consul's "at home" if he has one — they usually do! I'll be thinking about you dearest ones lots.

We were invited there Sun. Eve for dinner by Mrs. Thompson of Tchowfu. She has begun such an interesting Bible class among Chinese women here + I'm going out Wed. P.M. to help teach — Imagine!! They

Sister mine! That was such a fine letter & I realize the sacrifice of something in your busy days work to write it. I appreciate it so much. I know you must be busy! I just pray every effort is telling!! I have answered most of your letter already but want to add some more. Are you still getting "load" boxes - in spite of the move. I hope so. Judge so from what you said. Give my regards to Molly. I'd love to write her but actually I'm most swamped under now! Tell her I'm still using many of her things & enjoying the perfume. I'm happy you're to have a furnace & coals & all it will be so nice. Miss Stark said they all like you so much they hope you'll stay on "indefinitely!" That was nice. They ought to like you' beloved ones!

Am so interested in all the clothes accounts & what you're making & wearing - Is your National coat still good? Am glad matter for